



# ***Goodwin Elementary Announcements & Events***

***Notices for 4/29/16***

- ***Good News from Goodwin May Newsletter***
- ***Mansfield Rid Litter Day Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>***
- ***Volunteers Needed! Staff Appreciation Luncheon Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup>***
- ***Coffee and Conversation with Principal Susan Muirhead Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 8:45-9:15***

- ***\*FREE\* Lyme Disease Awareness Event  
Sponsored by Eastern Highlands Health  
District & Town of Mansfield's Early  
Childhood Services Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>  
3:30pm-5:00pm***
- ***Mansfield Public Schools Preschool  
Screening for 3 and 4 year olds May 25<sup>th</sup>,  
26<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016***

# Good News from Goodwin

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Dear Families of Goodwin:

The week of May 2nd is **National Teacher Appreciation Week**. This is a nice opportunity for parents and students to recognize the hard work and dedication of our teaching staff. We have a highly dedicated and professional staff, which not only shows in our state scores, but also is evident every day in our classrooms. It is through their hard work that **we were recognized nationally this year by the United States Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School, which puts us in the top 10% of all schools in the nation**. Perhaps you could take a moment to write a note or say some words of appreciation to the teacher or have your child draw a picture.

As you can see by our May calendar, this is a very busy time of year at school. The activity calendar is beginning to fill up and the anticipation toward many events is mounting. However, it is important to remember that although students have many activities at this time of the year, they need to maintain good study habits, complete all homework, spend time outdoors, and get good rest.

More Good News from Goodwin:

- Last month Goodwin School showed our appreciation to our paraprofessionals and custodians as well by providing them with a luncheon on china and linens to give them an opportunity to enjoy a more leisurely lunch. They do so much for our children and our staff everyday.
- We would like to thank **Mrs. Kozelka** for her hard work and dedication to our Books and Breakfast program. For four weeks, she started her day early and provided a light breakfast with a read aloud and book selections. She provided helpful hints to parents about selecting books and the feedback from parents was outstanding.
- Kudos as well to **Dr. Patwa**, for organizing our first annual talent show. The talent show was open to any 3rd and 4th grader who wanted to show their talents. It was very well attended and the range of talents was so enjoyable to see. It was a great night of entertainment for all. Thank you as well to two of parents, **Mrs. Tulman and Mrs. Welsh** who were instrumental in providing Dr. Patwa with the support she needed to organize such a large undertaking.
- **Principal Coffee and Conversation will take place on Friday, May 6th from 8:45 to 9:15 am** in my office. This would be a time for you to come in and chat, ask questions, or listen to what is happening in our school. We will provide coffee and pastry and discuss the Smarter Balanced Assessments, buses, budget, or anything else that is on your mind.
- We are now part of a **textile recycling program**. You may have noticed big white boxes in our parking lot. Please bring any clothes, shoes, towels, sheets, comforters, STUFFED ANIMALS, purses, belts, etc and place them in the bins. All items must be bagged. They can be very beat up or torn and still be accepted. Those items that cannot be worn by others are turned into rags for chair cushions and other stuffing materials.

## Upcoming Events

**5/18-5/25—Walk To School Wednesday**

**5/6-PTO Exercise Class Fundraiser 7-8pm**

**5/12-Board of Ed. Meeting, Goodwin recognized as National Blue Ribbon Winner**

**5/13 -Grd 2 Field Trip To Sturbridge Village**

**5/14-Big Whale Bash 11:00-3:00**

**5/16-Kindergarten Parent Orientation—6:00-7:00**

**5/17-Grd K-2 Spring Concert 6:30-7:30**

**5/19—Grd 3 Field Trip to Sweeney School 9:00-11:00**

**5/20-Grd 4 Ropes Course with Adventure Learning Club**

**5/24—Grd 4 Students visit MMS 9:00-11:45**

**5/26-Grd 3 Field Trip to UCONN, Dodd Center, Dairy Bar**

**5/27—Grd 3 to Mystic Seaport 9:00-3:15**



# Mansfield Rid Litter Day

## Saturday, April 30, 2016

### Let's Clean Up Our Town

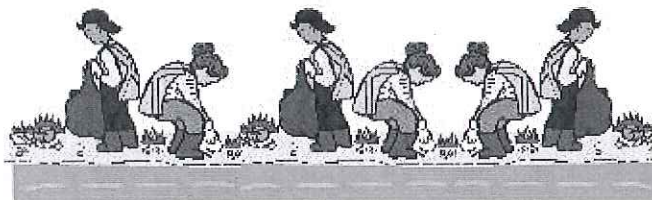
Rid your neighborhood of litter by getting a few of your neighbors together on Saturday, April 30, 2016 to pick up litter. Roadside wooded areas and wetlands collect a lot of debris. Not only is litter unsightly, plastic litter can be harmful to wildlife. Littered cans, glass and plastic bottles can be recycled and you are encouraged to keep them separate from other roadside litter. If you have bags of litter that exceed your household trash collection service, please contact the number below. You may take bags of litter to the Mansfield transfer station for no charge. The transfer station is located on Route 89, one mile from the intersection of Routes 195 and 89 in Mansfield Center.

For more information about Rid Litter Day or the Adopt-A-Road program, call the Public Works Office at 860-429-3333.

#### Methods of Disposal:

If you have household trash service—arrange for additional bags of litter to be collected by calling 860-429-3333.

If you use the Mansfield Transfer Station on Rte 89—no charge. The Transfer Station hours are Tuesdays & Saturdays 8:30 am to 4:00 pm; Thursdays 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm.



## Volunteers Needed! Staff Appreciation Luncheon

Staff Appreciation Week is May 2-6! The PTO will be hosting a luncheon for the staff on **Thursday, May 5th**. Show the Goodwin staff how much you appreciate everything they do by offering to:

- \* **Make a main entrée** (e.g. dish of macaroni, casserole)
- \* **Make a side dish** (e.g. salad, fruit)
- \* **Bring in a beverage** (e.g. bottled water, soda)
- \* **Bake a dessert**

Please indicate below how you can help on the 5<sup>th</sup> and return the bottom of this flyer to your child's teacher by **Monday, May 2nd**. Or email Julie Klimkiewicz at [julesklim@hotmail.com](mailto:julesklim@hotmail.com).

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### Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #/email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Yes, I will make a main entrée. My entrée choice is:

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\_\_\_ Yes, I will make a side dish. My choice is:

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\_\_\_ Yes, I can bring in a beverage. I will supply:

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\_\_\_ Yes, I can bring in a dessert. I will supply:

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## *Coffee and Conversation*

with Susan Muirhead-Principal

Join her Friday, May 6th from 8:45 -9:15am in  
the office for coffee and discussion.



The Eastern Highlands Health District and Town of Mansfield's  
Early Childhood Services Are Sponsoring a



# FREE Lyme Disease Awareness Event



Lyme is an ever-present concern in Eastern Connecticut. This is an informational panel for all ages including parents of young children and seniors.

FEATURING LOCAL EXPERTS IN TICK BORNE DISEASE  
PREVENTION, DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT:

- ♦ Dr. Kenneth Dardick, Mansfield Family Practice
- ♦ Dr. Fran Storch, Naturopathic Doctor
- ♦ Rick Brosseau, Milrick Lawn and Landscaping
- ♦ Jean Patton, Pharmacist at Price Chopper Pharmacy
- ♦ Ana Zeller, RDN, EHHD Community Health and Wellness Coordinator

The practitioners and experts above will share the latest research on Lyme, discuss best practices including "tick-deterrent" yard care and tick testing, and share practical tips on keeping you and your family safe.

JOIN US ON SUNDAY MAY 22ND FROM 3:30-5PM IN THE MANS-  
FIELD TOWN HALL'S COUNCIL CHAMBERS

TO REGISTER PLEASE VISIT [WWW.EHHD.ORG/LYMEEVENT](http://WWW.EHHD.ORG/LYMEEVENT) OR  
SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:



Please Contact Maggie  
Ferron at Mansfield's  
Childhood Services With  
Any Questions:  
860-429-3338



## Mansfield Public Schools

Preschool Screening for 3 and 4 year olds.

**May 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

**Mansfield Public Library  
Buchanan Auditorium  
54 Warrenville Rd.  
Mansfield Center Ct.**

**Contact the office to set up an appointment.  
860-429-6316**

**Your child must be at least 3 by September 1, 2016**